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SUBJ: SOLAR HEATING SYSTEMS

1. ON RECENT VISIT TO SYRIAN PHOSPHATE MINES, COMOFF
DISCUSSED WITH MINE MANAGEMENT POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING
SOLAR UNITS FOR HEATING WORKER AND STAFF RESIDENCES
AT THE MINES. AT PROSENT, THEY USE COSTLY FUEL OIL.
MINE MANAGEMENT GENERALLY UNAWARE OF TECHNOLOGY AND
ECONOMICS OF SOLAR HEATING. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS EXPRESSED
GREAT INTEREST IN POSSIBLE USE OF SOLAR UNITS AT
MINES, AND REQUESTED EMBASSY HELP IN SECURING NAMES OF
APPROPRIATE US FIRMS, CATALOGUES AND PRICE LISTS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WE REALIZE MUSHROOMING INTEREST IN
US IN SOLAR HEATING UNITS HAD PRODUCED VAST LITERATURE AND
SCORES OF FIRMS EXPLOITING MARKET. SYRIAN INTERESTED IN
SIMPLE, UNSOPHISTICATED DEVICES CAPABLE OF HEATING HOMES
OR MULTIPLE-UNIT DWELLINGS. SUCH UNITS ARE FOUND ON ROOFTOPS
OF MANY OF SYRIA'S NEIGHBORS. PLEASE SUPPLY US WITH NAMES
ADDRESSES OF US MANUFACTURERS OF SUCH UNITS, SO WE MAY
TRANSMIT THEM TO INTERESTED SYRIANS. SYRIANS ALSO
WOULD LIKE TO INVESTIGATE LICENSING AGREEMENT TO
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MANUFACTURE SUCH UNITS IN THIS COUNTRY.
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